GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PRISONERS IN TIHAR JAIL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of male/female prisoners lodged in Tihar Jail of Delhi, separately;

(b) the details of basic amenities provided by the Government to such prisoners, separately;

(c) whether there is an alarming increase in the strength of the jail inmates; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that inmate population remain within the capacity of Tihar Jail?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): There were 11497 male and 481 female prisoners lodged in Tihar Jails, New Delhi as on 29.11.2006. The basic amenities/facilities provided to such prisoners include food, clothing, medical care, legal aid, education, vocational training, recreation and rehabilitation.

(c) & (d): There were 11978 inmates in Tihar Jails as on 29.11.2006 which far exceed their total sanctioned capacity of 5200. The steps taken to ease overcrowding in these Jails include construction of new jails; holding Special Courts to try the cases involving petty offences; compiling of list of under trial prisoners who are granted bail but could not be released and sending such lists to District & Session Judge for considering their cases on relaxed surety conditions; and providing legal aid by the Legal Aid Advocates and nominated counsels deputed by Delhi Legal Services Authority to advise the prisoners on moving appropriate applications before the High Court for their early release.